

CERTIFICATE F MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop DD, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: January 15, 2004

Carolen Merkley

Carolen Merkley



PATENT
6228-A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Rowe, et al.
Serial No.:	10/614,546
Filed:	July 3, 2003
Title:	Apparatus and Method for Packaging Elongate Surgical Devices

Art Unit 3728

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop DD
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants submit herewith the attached Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO-1449 in connection with the above-identified patent application along with a copy of the reference(s). The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application. Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication in a counterpart PCT application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

If any fee is required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement please charge Deposit Account No. 01-1960.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard L. Myers
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 26,490

Date: January 14, 2004

MYERS, DAWES, ANDRAS & SHERMAN, LLP
19900 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 1150
Irvine, CA 92612
Telephone: (949) 223-9600
Facsimile: (949) 223-9610



FORM PTO-1449 (MODIFIED)	ATTY. DOCKET NO. 6228-A	SERIAL NO. : 10/614,546
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (USE SEVERAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)	APPLICANT(S): Rowe et al.	
	FILING DATE: July 3, 2003	GROUP:

Reference Designation

U.S. Patents

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Filing Date Subclass if appropriate
--	-----------------	------	---------	-------	--

OTHER ART (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

(REVERSE SIDE OF PAGE FIVE, ETC.)

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.